

III. CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone conference with the Examiner to attend to these matters.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

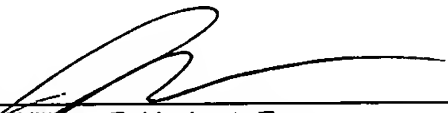
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

A. In the Written Description

Please AMEND paragraph 20, as follows:

[0020] Conventional discoloration of the foam itself caused by NO_x or by hot press can be prevented by blending a phosphorus type antioxidant with the polyurethane raw material. Commercially-available examples of the phosphorus type antioxidant are "3010" and "1178", and the like, available from [Adeka Co., Ltd.] Asahi Denka Kogyo K.K.